



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Newberry School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 5,960**  
**Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett**  
**Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Below Average	Excellent	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	8	15	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	67.4%	70.8%	60.5%	62.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	72.8%	73.5%	63.5%	66.6%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	28.8%	28.6%	30.1%	24.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	32.4%	30.6%	30.9%	28.3%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	75.5%	11.8%	12.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	11.3%	10.6%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	89.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.9%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	64.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.2%

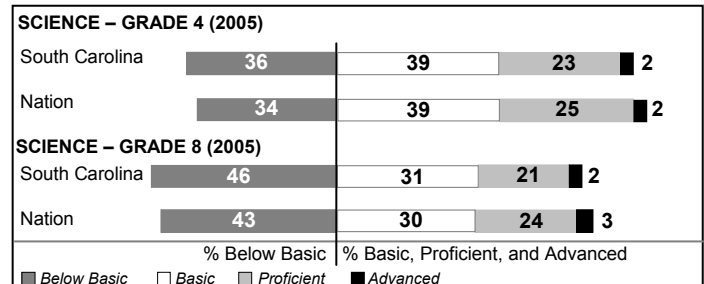
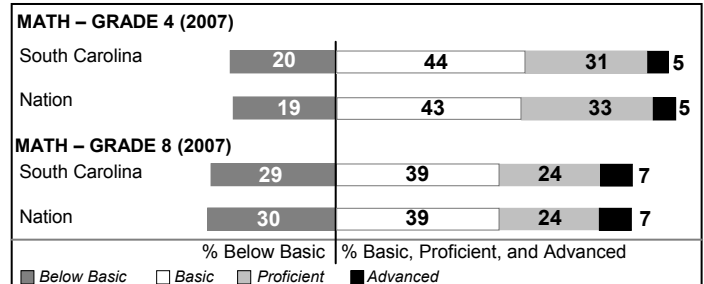
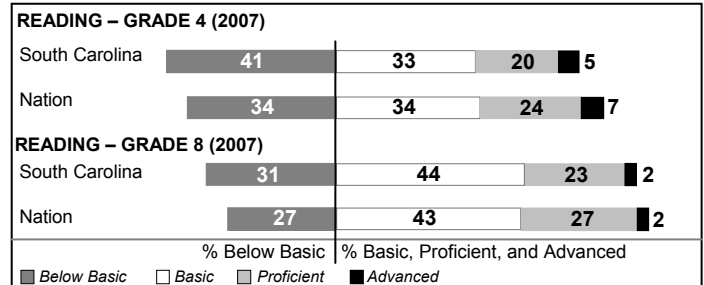
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	81.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.3%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Goal: TBD

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=5,960)</b>				
Retention rate	4.3%	Down from 4.4%	4.4%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.7%	95.5%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	12.2%	Up from 11.7%	11.7%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.6%	Up from 10.8%	11.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.8%	No Change	0.7%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	7.6%	Down from 12.5%	8.2%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	56.0%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.9%	Down from 49.5%	30.1%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	69	Down from 84	50	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	29	Down from 30	29	27
Annual dropout rate	4.5%	Down from 5.8%	3.5%	3.8%
<b>Teachers (n=441)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.8%	Up from 54.9%	55.2%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	65.5%	Down from 73.1%	77.2%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.5%	Up from 4.5%	4.0%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.2%	Up from 84.9%	89.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.1%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$42,627	Up 2.9%	\$44,722	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.6%	Down from 2.9%	0.7%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.0%	Down from 2.4%	2.1%	2.5%
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.9 to 1	Up from 18.2 to 1	19.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 87.4%	88.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$9,467	Up 4.7%	\$8,604	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.6%	Down from 55.4%	54.4%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.7%	Down from 58.2%	57.7%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	14	No Change	10	9
Portable classrooms	11.9%	Down from 15.1%	2.6%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	25 Years	Down from 31 Years	26 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	14.0	No Change	10.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$78,206	Up 4.5%	\$75,117	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	62.1%		71.4%	69.7%

\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

As we look back on the 2007-2008 school year, we do so with much pride for the many successes of our teachers and students. Our focus in this district, in our schools, and for our students is continuous improvement. Our vision is of a culture where all ideas are valued, a cooperative relationship exists between the school district and community, collaboration is expected, and people want to work and students want to learn.

Our mission is to engage students at all levels in education experiences that ensure success and life-long learning. Initiatives such as content recovery, individualized graduation plans, career counseling, expanded alternative educational opportunities, dual credit, and advanced placement have allowed us to make significant strides in this area. A number of our schools received recognition at the state level, and two were recognized by the Education Oversight Committee as "Closing the Gap" schools.

We realize that our school facilities play a major role in our overall instructional program. Therefore, our Board of Trustees has continued to move forward with our capital improvement program. New construction and major renovations can be seen throughout the district.

We continue to improve our technology in the classroom with the installation of interactive smart boards. These boards are designed to energize teaching and learning, empower teachers, bring lessons to life, and further engage students.

Although we still have many challenges, we must also celebrate the success of this past year. These successes are made possible through the efforts and commitment of our dedicated trustees, capable administrators, and talented faculty and staff. We realize that the support of our families and community is essential to the overall development of our students.

We thank you for your continued support, and we ask that you stay involved with what is taking place in our school district so that we may continue to provide the best learning experience for our students.

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